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FOR: BIOABSORBABLE
POLYMERIC IMPLANTS AND A
METHOD OF USING THE SAME TO
CREATE OCCLUSIONS

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed Sept. 29, 2003, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Claims 1 – 39 were original in the application. Claims 2 – 6, 9, 10, 17, and 20, 21, 23, and 24, have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 7, 8, 12, 30, and 34 have been amended. Claims 40 – 51 are new. Therefore, claims 1, 7, 8, 11 – 16, 18, 19, 22, 25 – 39, and 40 – 51 are submitted for examination on the

merits in amended form and as newly added.

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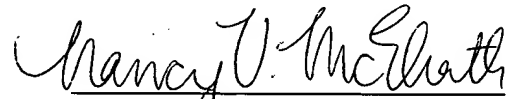
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